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SUBJ: GOB MEMORANDUM ON NEW TIN SALES

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1. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MY CONVERSATION WITH AMB CAPRILES (REFTEL), FONMIN GUZMAN HANDED ME MEMORANDUM WHICH NOTES IMPORTANCE OF STABLE AND REMUNERATIVE TIN PRICE FOR BOLIVIAN ECONOMY, SALES OF SURPLUS TIN WOULD LOWER PRICE, AND THAT PRICE ALREADY BELOW PRODUCTION COSTS FOR BOLIVIAN MINES. THE MEMORANDUM ALSO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT USG WILL WEIGH NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF ANY NEW GSA TIN SALES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FAITHFUL AND FRANK COOPERATION BETWEEN GOB AND USG. TEXT OF MEMORANDUM BEING SENT BY AIRGRAM.

2. FORNMIN GUZMAN TOLD ME HE UNDERSTOOD BILL HAD BEEN INTRODUCED BEFORE CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE MASSIVE TIN SALES WHICH WOULD BE VERY HARMFUL TO BOLIVIA. I RESPONDED THAT ANY FURTHER SALES WOULD BE HANDLED AS CAREFULLY AS IN PAST, BUT PROMISED TO GET FULL DETAILS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDE FULL DETAILS PENDING BILL AND CHANCES IT HAS TO BEING APPROVED.
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